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## **Claims**

A peptide comprising the amino acid sequence of formula (I)
Z¹-X¹-X²-X³-X⁴-X⁵-Gly-X⁻-X³-X³-Z²-Y¹ (I)
or formula (II)
Z¹-X¹-Tyr-X³(-Ala/Ser)-Asp-Gly-X⁻-(Tyr/Phe)-Asp-Z²-Y¹ (II)

## wherein

X¹ is an amino acid selected from the group Ser, His, Thr, Ala, Gln, Phe, Gly and lle

X<sup>2</sup> is an amino acid selected from the group Tyr, Arg and Phe

 ${\sf X}^{\sf 3}$  is an amino acid selected from the group Tyr, Ser, Asn, Glu, Asp and Thr

X<sup>4</sup> is an amino acid selected from the group Ser, Ala, Gly, Asp and Phe

X<sup>5</sup> is an amino acid selected from the group Asp and Ser,

 $X^7$  is an amino acid selected from the group Thr, Val, Met, Ser, Trp, Tyr, Leu and Ala

X<sup>8</sup> is an amino acid selected from the group Tyr,Phe and Leu

X9 is an amino acid selected from the group Asp, Ser and Glu

 $Z^1$  represent an amino acid residue capable of forming a disulphide bond, preferably a cysteine or a homocysteine residue, or a residue capable of forming a thioether preferably the residue is Q-C(=O) wherein Q represents -(CH<sub>2</sub>)n or - (CH<sub>2</sub>)n-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> where n represents a positive integer 1 to 10 or is absent and  $Z^2$  represent an amino acid residue capable of forming a disulphide bond, preferably a cysteine or a homocysteine residue or is absent  $Y^1$  represents 1-10 amino acids or is absent or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. A peptide according to claim 1 of the amino acid sequence Cys-Ser-Tyr-Tyr-Ser-Asp-Gly-Val-Tyr-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 1), Cys-His-Tyr-Ser-Ser-Asp-Gly-Thr-Tyr-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 2), Cys-Thr-Tyr-Asn-Gly-Asp-Gly-Ser-Phe-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 3), Cys-Ala-Tyr-Glu-Ala-Asp-Gly-Trp-Phe-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 4), Cys-Ser-Tyr-Ser-Ala-Asp-Gly-Thr-Leu-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 5), Cys-Gln-Tyr-Asp-Ser-Ser-Gly-Met-Tyr-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 6), Cys-Phe-Phe-Asp-Ser-Ser-Gly-Tyr-Phe-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 7), Cys-Thr-Tyr-Ser-Ala-Asp-Gly-Leu-Tyr-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 8), Cys-His-Phe-Asp-Gly-Asp-Gly-Ser-Tyr-Asp-Cys, (SEQ ID NO 9),